



IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: GRIFFITHS, et al.)

Serial Number: **09/714,410**)

Examiner: MUTSCHLER B.

Filed: **11/14/00**)

Group Art Unit: 1753

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR**)

PRODUCING A THIN SAMPLE BAND)

IN A MICROCHANNEL DEVICE)

Attorney Docket Number: SD-8263)

DRAFTING BRANCH

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 16, 2004

PROPOSED DRAWING ADDITIONS AND CHANGES SUBMITTED UNDER

MPEP §608.02(r)

Sir:

Applicants, through their representatives, respectfully submit the following DRAWINGS for review by the Drafting Branch. In the first Official Action on the merits mailed October 17, 2003 Examiner requested that CORRECTED drawings be provided. Therefore, Applicants herein propose several drawing changes to address several informalities noted by the Examiner.

In particular, the Examiner has objected to Figures 2A- 2H, 3A – 3H, 4A – 4H, 12, 13, and 14 as requiring the designation -- Prior Art -- because they illustrate only that which is old in the art. A proposed drawing correction is required.

Examiner further objects to the figure labeled "FIG. 1H" on the third sheet of drawings as being misidentified. The figure should instead be re-number as -- FIG. 3H -- . A proposed drawing correction is required.

Examiner has objected to Figures 5H in that the reference number "207" is misidentified. The reference number should be changed to -- 207' --. A proposed drawing correction is required.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit the proposed AMENDED drawings under MPEP §608.02(v). A copy of 20 sheets of drawings accompanies this letter which include revised FIGs. 2A- 2H, 3A – 3H, 4A – 4H, 5H, 12, 13, and 14, (sheets 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, and 15) amended in red ink to show the proposed changes.

Applicants asserts that no new matter has been included.

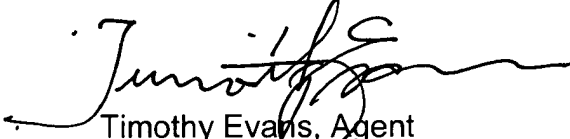
CONCLUSION

Applicants, respectfully request that the Draftsperson fully consider the requested changes to the drawings and, if approved, to enter these changes into the application.

Favorable consideration of the drawing now presented, and entry of this drawing, as amended, into the application file wrapper, is earnestly solicited.

This response is, therefore:

Respectfully submitted by,
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